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Kentucky Labor Cabinet hits Lexington company with multiple safety violations

Ten new citations reflect long history of willful violations

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (Dec. 9, 2009) – A Lexington company has received 10 citations for safety violations with an adjusted penalty of \$420,000 dollars. TSP Co. Inc. has a long history of violations with the Labor Cabinet's Division of Safety and Health Compliance (KyOSH Compliance) with regard to scaffolding safety. The fine reflects the Cabinet's growing frustration with the company's disregard for worker safety and regulations administered by the agency.

"The Division of Safety and Health Compliance has issued to the company a number of citations in the past 11 years, all of which have been ignored. The size of these cumulative penalties shows we mean business and we will take every step necessary to force the company to cease these dangerous practices," said Labor Cabinet Secretary J.R. Gray.

One inspection in 2003, two in 2004 and two in 2007 yielded scaffolding violations that were again cited in this most recent inspection, according to KyOSH Compliance Director Susan Draper.

"Some of the violations are being issued for the second and third times," said Draper. "What is troubling is that TSP has not paid any of its assessed penalties nor has it provided any violation abatement documentation."

The Labor Cabinet has filed liens against TSP for more than \$49,000 in unpaid penalties and the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General has filed complaints in five counties this year in an effort to help facilitate penalty payment.

“They basically are ignoring these citations, liens and civil complaints,” said Secretary Gray. “This larger penalty is warranted and necessary to serve as a deterrent to a company that has essentially ignored its obligation to provide a safe workplace for its employees and is ignoring the laws of the Commonwealth.”

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